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**FORMER SPECIAL AGENT INDICTED**

Today a federal grand jury in El Paso, Texas, returned an indictment charging Hardrick Crawford, Jr., formerly the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's El Paso Division, with five counts alleging violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

Count one alleges the making of a false statement on or about June 6, 2003 in an FBI electronic communication regarding Crawford's association with a citizen of Mexico.

Count two alleges the concealment of material facts from the FBI on or about June 6, 2003 regarding Crawford's association with the same citizen of Mexico.

Counts three and five allege false statements in Office of Government Ethics Public Financial Disclosure Reports submitted to the FBI for calendar years 2002 and 2003 regarding gifts allegedly received.

Count four alleges the making of false statement on or about November 5, 2003 to the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General during an agency investigation.

Each count of the indictment is a felony and carries a potential sentence of up to 5 years confinement and a \$250,000 fine.

The Department of Justice-Office of the Inspector General (Wayne D. Beaman, Special Agent in Charge) is the investigative agency. The FBI referred this matter to the Inspector General and cooperated fully throughout the investigation.

**An indictment is a formal accusation by which cases are initiated and brought to trial. It is not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until sufficient evidence of guilt is presented.**

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